

Public Hearing
General Fund Budget
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
5 pm
Council Chambers

President of Council Francis Acosta called the public hearing regarding the proposed General Fund Budget to order at 5:05 pm. He announced that the purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed 2014 General Fund Budget. City Council expects to consider the adoption of the 2014 General Fund Budget at a regular business meeting on either Tuesday, November 12th or Monday, November 25, 2013.

Attending: Councilors Acosta, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Reed, Sterner, Marmarou, City Clerk Kelleher, City Auditor Cituk, Managing Director Snyder, Controller Zale, Administrative Services Director Bembenick

Council President Acosta inquired about beginning the hearing without the Solicitor present. The Managing Director was asked to contact the Solicitor via telephone. When the Managing Director contacted the Solicitor, the Solicitor stated that he or another attorney from Law is not required to attend public hearings where it is the intent to obtain public comment. The Solicitor was directed to provide this opinion in writing.

Presentation by City Administration

Mr. Bembenick stated that the proposed 2014 budget is balanced at \$82,575,039 and has a \$1,230,047 fund balance. He stated that the budget contains the following:

- A refresh for the IT equipment
- An increase in the number of firefighters due to the federal SAFER Grant
- The Land Value property tax with a 20% phase in, which applies a separate millage rate to both the land and building assessment
- A reduction of 0.1% to the Home Rule resident and commuter EIT
- 492 full-time positions

Public Comment

Council President Acosta opened the floor for public comment and reminded those in the audience of the speaking rules. He stated that no one pre-registered to speak. He invited those in the audience to comment again. No one came forward to speak. The public comment period was closed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk